



AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE
ART UNIT 1645

PATENT
Attorney Docket No. UCSD1370-5

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Carson and Albani
Application No.: 09/616,247
Filed: July 14, 2000
Title: VACCINE COMPOSITIONS AND METHODS USEFUL IN INDUCING
IMMUNE PROTECTION AGAINST ARTHRITIC PEPTIDES
INVOLVED IN THE PATHOGENESIS OF RHEUMATOID ARTHRITIS

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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

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Sir:

This is a request under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a Response to the Final Office Action mailed August 13, 2002.

The requested extension is for two (2) months, extending the period for response to January 13, 2003.

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I hereby certify that the documents referred to as enclosed herein are being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail on January 7, 2003, in an envelope addressed to: Box AF, Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231

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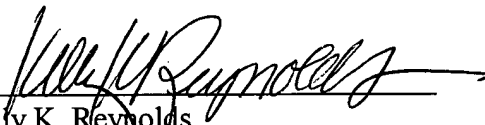
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Check No. 526444 in the amount of \$150.00 as the balance of the two (2) month extension of time fee. The one month extension of time fee was paid November 18, 2002. Please charge Deposit Account No. 50-1355 for any other fees or credits believed to be due. A copy of this Petition is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: January 7, 2003



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